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[This is a traditional Shoshone Circle Dance Song. Sometimes referred to as Ghost Dance or Round Dance songs, they accompany dances done for various celebrati...](#)

[Protect My Family From Coal Pollution!](#)

My name is Surita Hernandez and I live on the Moapa Indian Reservation with my husband and five children and the Reid Gardner coal plant is destroying my families' health. The plant is only 500 yards from my backyard and creates a dark cloud that rains dirty coal pollution. **It's making my family sick and it's making us prisoners in our own homes.**

[Fortunately, my family doesn't have to live like this if we can enlist the help of people like you. Will you help?](#)

My entire family has been prescribed inhalers, nebulizers and prescription medications to manage our respiratory conditions -- but when coal ash gets blown by the wind or when smoke from the smoke stacks blow over our house we have to stay indoors.

My 15 year-old daughter gets nose bleeds out of the blue. Her sister gets chronic headaches and has been hospitalized numerous times due to pneumonia. **I fear for the health of my kids and family.**

The Nevada Public Utilities Commission (PUC) can protect my family from coal pollution, save the environment, and create good jobs by shutting down the plant and instead invest in

clean energy like wind and solar. This would protect my family from coal pollution, save the environment, and create good jobs.

[Join me and my family and stand up for a clean energy and healthy future. Sign the petition and help us close Reid Gardner today.](#) Together our collective voices can drown out Big Coal and their outdated, inefficient power plant.

Unfortunately, NV Energy is lobbying hard to keep the plant operating full force until 2023. If NV Energy gets their way it will cost members of my family their health, pollute the environment, stall our state's transition to a clean energy economy, and continue to threaten the lives of everyone here in Moapa.

For years members of the Moapa Band of Paiutes Tribe have been fighting to close the plant because of health impacts from coal pollution. We have written letters, held press events, and talked to elected officials but by ourselves it isn't enough.

[Ensure we all have health bodies, a clean environment and thriving economy. Tell the PUC to shut down Reid Gardner by denying NV Energy's request to keep the plant open until 2023.](#)

Sincerely, Surita Hernandez

P.S. After you take action, [forward this message](#) or spread the word on Facebook and Twitter
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National Funding Opportunities

*Support for Creative Community Partnerships

[ArtPlace](#)

ArtPlace is a collaboration of major foundations, federal agencies, and financial institutions dedicated to accelerating creative placemaking across the United States. ArtPlace believes that art, culture, and creativity expressed powerfully through place can create vibrant communities, thus increasing the desire and the economic opportunity for people to thrive in place. Grants and loans are provided to collaborations involving arts organizations, artists, and designers working with local and national partners to produce a transformative impact on community vibrancy. Priority is given to projects that enjoy strong local buy-in and will occur at places already showing signs of momentum, integrate with a community's economic development and community revitalization strategy, and have the potential to attract additional private and public support to the community. ArtPlace gives some emphasis to applications from selected localities; however, applications are encouraged from urban and rural regions all across the U.S. Letters of inquiry will be accepted from September 17 through November 1, 2012. Visit the ArtPlace website to download the application guidelines.

*Excellence in Youth Service Recognized

[Nestlé Very Best in Youth Program](#)

The Nestlé Very Best in Youth Program, sponsored by Nestlé USA, honors teens throughout the United States who have excelled in school and whose efforts are making a profound difference in the lives of others. Young people between 14 and 18 years of age are eligible to apply. Applicants must demonstrate good citizenship, a strong academic record, and show how they have made a

special contribution to their school, church, or community. Nestle will donate \$1,000 in the name of each winner to the charity of his or her choice. The winners will also receive a trip for them and a parent or guardian to Los Angeles, CA, for the Nestlé Very Best in Youth awards ceremony. The application deadline is November 8, 2012. Visit the program's website to submit an online application.

*Grants Promote the Protection of Wild Places

[The Conservation Alliance](#)

The Conservation Alliance is a group of outdoor businesses whose collective contributions support grassroots citizen-action groups and their efforts to protect wild and natural areas in North America where outdoor enthusiasts spend their time. Funded programs should focus primarily on direct action to protect specific threatened wild places and waterways. The Alliance is not looking for mainstream education or scientific research projects, but rather for active campaigns. Grants of up to \$50,000 are provided. Before applying for funding, an organization must first be nominated by one of the Alliance's member companies. The upcoming nomination deadline is November 1, 2012. The Alliance will send each nominated organization a request for proposal, including instructions on submitting a full request, which is due December 10, 2012. Grant criteria and application guidelines are available on the Conservation Alliance website.

Teen Driver Safety Programs in the U.S. and Canada Funded

[Project Ignition](#)

Project Ignition, sponsored by State Farm and coordinated by the National Youth Leadership Council, provides grants for public high schools to support their students in addressing teen driver safety through service-learning. Students and teachers develop innovative service-learning projects that are intended to influence driving behaviors and save lives on the road through public awareness and engagement campaigns. Public high schools that enroll students in grades 9-12 in the U.S. and the Canadian provinces of Alberta, New Brunswick, and Ontario are invited to apply. Twenty-five schools will be chosen to receive \$2,000 grants to support the implementation of their campaigns from January to April 2013. Ten of these 25 schools will be selected to receive an additional \$7,500 to continue their project in the following school year and to participate in the National Service-Learning Conference in 2014. The application deadline is November 15, 2012. Visit the Project Ignition website for the application guidelines.

Regional Funding Opportunities

Rural Programs in Selected States Supported

[Laura Jane Musser Fund: Rural Initiative Program](#)

The Laura Jane Musser Fund encourages collaborative and participatory efforts among citizens in communities in Colorado, Hawaii, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wyoming. Through the Rural Initiative Program, the Fund supports programs that will help to strengthen individual rural towns in the targeted states in a number of civic areas, including economic development, business preservation, arts and humanities, public space improvements, and education. The applicant community must have a population of 10,000 or fewer and must be able to demonstrate the rural characteristics of their location and support from a diverse cross-section of community members and institutions. Planning grants of up to \$5,000 and implementation grants of up to \$25,000 are provided. The application deadline is November 7, 2012. Specific grant guidelines and application procedures are available on the Fund's website.

Grants Enhance Quality of Life in Company Communities

[Georgia-Pacific Foundation](#)

The Georgia-Pacific Foundation supports a wide range of nonprofit organizations that improve the quality of life in communities where Georgia-Pacific operates, and where company employees live and work. (Information on [Georgia-Pacific facilities and locations](#) is available on the company's website.) The Foundation has identified the following key investment areas: education, including job readiness and literacy; community enrichment, including affordable housing, cultural, and safety programs; environment, including resource conservation and clean air/clean water; and entrepreneurship, especially among youth, women, and minorities. Grant applications must be submitted by October 31, 2012. Visit the company's website to take the required online eligibility survey.

Funds for Breast Cancer Programs in Maryland

[Maryland Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure: Large Grant Program](#)

Susan G. Komen for the Cure is a national grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists fighting to save lives, ensure quality care for all, and energize science to find the cures. Through the Large Grant Program, the Maryland Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure provides support for efforts to reduce breast cancer disparities across Maryland (with the exception of Prince George's and Montgomery counties). Grant funding is targeted towards collaborative and innovative projects that reduce breast cancer mortality, especially among those who are disproportionately affected by this disease. The following types of grants are available: Screening, Treatment, Education Programs; Make A Difference Programs; and Clinical Trial Enrollment Programs. The application deadline for all three programs is November 5, 2012. Visit the Maryland Affiliate's website to review the Request for Applications and to submit an online application.

Support for Wilderness Conservation in California

[California Wildlands Grassroots Fund](#)

The California Wildlands Grassroots Fund, administered by the Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment, supports nonprofit organizations that show a demonstrated ability and commitment to conserve California's natural landscapes, ecosystems, plants, and wildlife. Grants averaging \$1,000 to \$3,000 are provided to small nonprofit organizations that are advocating for the protection of intact wildlands on both public and private lands in order to help preserve California's wilderness and native biological diversity. Priority is given to geographic or issue areas that have not received significant financial support in the past, including rural communities and other regions without easy access to financial and political support. Requests are reviewed quarterly; the final application deadline for 2012 is November 15. Online application guidelines are available on the Rose Foundation's website.

Federal Grant and Loan Programs

Animal Conservation Supported

[Fish and Wildlife Service](#)

The Fish and Wildlife Service offers a variety of funds for conservation of animals, including elephants, amphibians, great apes, tigers, rhinoceroses, marine turtles, and other critically endangered animals. Deadlines vary by fund. Applications for conservation of elephants, great apes, rhinoceroses, and tigers are due November 1, 2012.

Support Offered for Small Business Biology Research

[National Science Foundation](#)

The Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) program supports technological innovation in

the private sector. The program supports proposals that use a biologically-based approach, such as synthetic biology, systems biology, metabolic engineering, proteomics, bioinformatics, and computational biology, to address business opportunities in key industry sectors including biomedical, biomanufacturing, and sustainable agriculture. Letters of intent are due November 20, 2012. The application deadline is December 20, 2012.

AIDS-Related Collaborative Efforts Funded [National Institutes of Health](#)
The Global Partnerships for Social Science AIDS Research program supports collaborative efforts between institutions in the United States, or other developed countries, and research institutions in developing countries affected by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Letters of intent are due November 7, 2012. The application deadline is December 7, 2012.

Funds Available for Environmental Information Exchange [Environmental Protection Agency](#)
The National Environmental Information Exchange Network Grant Program provides support to develop and implement the [information technology](#) and information management capabilities needed to actively participate in the Exchange Network, which is a secure, Internet- and standards-based way to support electronic data reporting, sharing, and integration of both regulatory and non-regulatory environmental data. The application deadline is November 9, 2012.

[Arctic sea ice melts to lowest level on record](#) [www.reuters.com](#)
[* Faster thaw than expected in scientific models* Weather impact expected in U.S. and elsewhere* Environmentalists, advocates call for policy change](#)By Deborah Zabarenko
WASHINGTON, Sept 19 (Reuters)

[White House Says Lawyer in Cobell Deal Recused on Administration Conflicts; Facts Contradict](#)
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Attachments: [NativeAmericanSymposium.pdf](#)

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Native American Archives Symposium

Protocols for Native American Archival Materials

Keynote Speaker Jennifer R. O'Neal, member of The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, is the Corrigan Solari University Historian and Archivist at **the University of Oregon Special Collections and Archives**. From 2008 to 2012, she served as the Head Archivist for the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian Archive Center. She serves on various groups in the Society of American Archivists. In 2006 she participated in drafting the best practices for the respectful care and use of Native American archival materials, which produced the *Protocols for Native American Archival Materials*.

Lessons learned from NAGPRA

Jaime Lavallee, JD, LLM, SJD Candidate, is a Muskeg Lake Cree in Saskatchewan. Jaime is currently the Senior Policy Specialist for File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council. Jaime was the Notice Coordinator at the National NAGPRA Program from 2005 until 2011 when she returned to school for her SJD at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law. She has also worked at First Peoples Worldwide, National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, and the National Preservation Institute.

Native American Archives Symposium

Local Issues and Initiatives

- Peter Bungart, Hualapai Cultural Resources
- Stewart Koyiyumptewa, Hopi Cultural Preservation Office
- Karen Underhill, NAU Special Collections and Archives

Symposium is free of charge and lunch is provided.

RSVP is requested at azarchivesalliance@gmail.com

arizonaarchives.org

Brought to you by the Arizona Archives Alliance, with special thanks to Arizona Historical Records Advisory Board; the Museum of Northern Arizona; Northern Arizona University's Cline Library; and the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records. Food provided by Main Street Catering of Flagstaff.

Tuesday, October 2, 2012 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Museum of Northern Arizona, Branigar/Chase Discovery Center 3101 North Fort Valley Road, Flagstaff, AZ

Please note: We will respectfully give priority to attendees working with tribal archival materials, but are pleased to welcome any individuals interested in

these discussions.
Participation in group discussions is greatly encouraged.

Featured Topics

- Protocols for Native American Archival Materials
- Lessons learned from NAGPRA
- Local issues and initiatives

Action Alert: Speak Up for the Future of Nevada and Utah Letters & Email Needed Now Do It in September!

Yes, it s that time AGAIN now that the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) is out. Please, rally family, friends, and neighbors to email the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to tell them the Pipeline project is an economic and environmental disaster of vast proportion. Let decision makers know: **only the NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE is acceptable.** BLM proposes to OK a pipeline that would drain rural Nevada at severe economic cost to Clark County ratepayers and ultimately Nevada taxpayers, and severe environmental cost to Nevada and Utah. We need to hold decision makers accountable for supporting this destructive boondoggle. **NOW is the time to STOP THE WATER GRAB.**

Please write, fax, or email the BLM using the information in the latest [Great Basin Water Network Newsletter](#) to request that the BLM select the NO ACTION alternative. Focus comments on the decisions being made, project costs and folly, the science in the EIS which documents the impending destruction of an area larger than Vermont, loss of public rangeland for livestock and wildlife. For rural Nevada, it is economic and environmental survival. For Clark County it is an economic injustice to burden ratepayers with a vastly more costly project tapping an uncertain water supply rather than support meaningful water conservation.

Send an email, fax or letter to the BLM or use one of the organizations sample letters at their websites below. Or use our sample email, add your own words, and send directly to Secretary Salazar and NV BLM Director Leuders.

Nevada BLM Director Amy Lueders: nvgwprojects@blm.gov or fax 775/861-6689 or 1340 Financial Blvd. Reno 89502

- [Center for Biological Diversity](#) **Act now to stop the Great Basin Water Grab**
- [Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada](#) **The Great Basin Needs You**
- [Toiyabe Chapter of the Sierra Club](#) **Say No to the Pipeline! Write to the NV BLM**
- [National Parks and Conservation Association](#) **In the Crosshairs of a Western Water War: Great Basin National Park**
- [GBWN Sample Email](#) **Compose your own email to Sec. Salazar and BLM Lueders**

Deadline for comments to the BLM is September 30, 2012. Check out the [GBWN website](#) frequently to stay up on the latest developments.

7,000 Letters to Salazar (So Far) on NV Water Pipeline

Mike Clifford, Public News Service-NV

<http://www.publicnewsservice.org/index.php?/content/article/28480-1>

Join the discussion: [facebook.com/PublicNewsService](https://www.facebook.com/PublicNewsService) Twitter: [@pns_news](#) [@pns_NV](#) Google +: [plus.to/publicnewsservice](https://plus.google.com/publicnewsservice)

(09/20/12) LAS VEGAS - With the Bureau of Land Management's window for final comments closing Oct. 1, opponents of the massive Las Vegas water pipeline project are reaching far and wide to plead their case.

As of today, says Rob Mrowka, Nevada conservation advocate for the Center for Biological Diversity, more than 37,000 letters have been written to Interior Secretary Ken Salazar asking him to deny the Southern Nevada Water Authority's right-of-way request to build the pipeline. Mrowka also is preparing new information for the BLM, but he's not optimistic, saying the bureau has failed to digest the mountains of information on negative impacts it already has.

"They've done a fairly good job of disclosing all of these hideous impacts that are going to occur. The problem now is that, in making their decision, they can ignore all of those environmental impacts and choose a very damaging alternative."

The current BLM plan eliminates drilling in Snake Valley, he says, but opponents say it does little to mitigate environmental damage.

Rose Strickland, water campaign coordinator for the Toiyabe Chapter of the Sierra Club, says grassroots efforts also are under way to send a message to local decision makers in Las Vegas.

"This project is a pipe dream; it's an unacceptable financial burden to Las Vegas ratepayers, and it's an environmental disaster for the rest of Nevada."

Mrowka says ratepayers' fates may be tied to that of a tiny snail. His group filed [suit](#) last week, arguing that the four species of springsnail are under imminent threat from groundwater development.

"If Fish and Wildlife Service agrees and they are listed, then they become protected under the Endangered Species Act, which will make it much, much harder - if not impossible - to ever develop this groundwater project."

Mrowka says the appeals to Salazar will continue right up to the Oct. 1 deadline.

More information is online at biologicaldiversity.org.
justice (enlarge for development info).

Pics barely do

Congratulations Ak-Chin on another classy job!



Indians ask for time before legislature in Nevada

By Ed Vogel LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL CAPITAL BUREAU Sep. 15, 2012

CARSON CITY- An innocent remark by a legislator at a luncheon spurred the Nevada Indian Commission to request one day each session for Native Americans to meet with legislators.

Sherry Rupert, executive director of the Indian Commission, said several members told her that a legislator had asked "Do Indians vote?" during a luncheon last year. She said she does not know the name of the legislator.

"It shows we must do more to educate legislators," said Rupert, a Native American. "There are a lot of new legislators who may not know our history."

Rupert said Nevada is home to about 35,000 Indians, about half of whom live off-reservation in the Las Vegas area. There are 20 federally recognized tribes in Nevada.

While it is difficult to gauge the percentage of Indians who vote, several Indian websites put the figure in the 30 percent to 35 percent range. Because reservations are by federal law sovereign nations, the percentage who vote in tribal elections may be higher.

Rupert said most are Democrats.

Because of the lack of Indian participation in elections, the Sept. 24-28 period has been designated Rock the Native Vote week.

Although they were the first Americans, Indians were not officially granted citizenship until 1924. Even then some states found reasons to deny Native Americans the right to vote. New Mexico, which has a large native population, did not allow Indians to vote until 1962. In some South Dakota counties, they were not permitted to vote until 1975.

Native American have lived in Nevada for 10,000 years, Rupert said. Unlike in most of America, Indians in Nevada in some cases never were moved from their ancestral homes. Indians have lived in the Pyramid Lake area for several thousand years.

The Stewart Indian School, now owned by the state of Nevada, served as a boarding school for Native American children 1890 to 1980. Children were forced to attend the school in early days to make them conform to non-Indian culture.

Later, attending Stewart was a source of pride for some students. The state Department of Corrections and the Indian Commission are housed in Stewart Indian School buildings.

Despite Nevada's rich Native American history, only two Indians have been elected to the Legislature. Dewey Sampson, a Paiute from Washoe County, served in the Legislature in 1939.

Current Assembly Speaker Joe Ocegüera, D-Las Vegas, is an enrolled member of the Walker River Tribe. Ocegüera, who comes from a multi-ethnic background, is a candidate for Congress.

In interviews, he has said that he often was asked to work on issues supported by Native Americans.

Contact Capital Bureau Chief Ed Vogel at evogel@reviewjournal.com or 775-687-3900.

[Economists Identify the 100 Top Air Polluters and Highlight the Economics of Environmentalism](#)

Mike Ludwig, Truthout: "General Electric, Koch Industries, Bayer, Dow Chemical and ExxonMobil ... all rank in the top ten of the Toxic 100, a list of the top 100 corporations that produce the most toxic air pollution and put human health at risk. The list, recently released by economists at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, tracks toxic chemicals emitted into the air by top polluters and ranks the companies based on the toxicity of the pollution and other factors, such as smokestack size, prevailing winds and the number of people exposed to the pollution."

Topic: NV ENERGIZE - Creating an Energy-Smart Future

Evelene Ricci will discuss the basics of a smart meter and how smart meters can help each of us in determining how and when we use energy and to use it more efficiently. She will also discuss smart meter myths versus facts.

Date: **Thursday, September 27, 2012** Time: **11:45 AM**

Location: NV Energy Building - Cafeteria Auditorium
(6100 Neil Road – check in with guard at desk)

Must bring lunch or purchase lunch at NVEnergy

Cost: **\$5 - members** **\$15 - nonmembers**

[\(register online\)](#) [\(registration flyer\)](#) [\(add to my calendar\)](#)

SAVE THE DATE

Movie Night hosted by USGBC Nevada and University of Nevada Reno

October 8, 2012, 7pm, no charge Location: UNR Joe Crowley Student Union, 3rd floor Theater

<http://www.carbonnationmovie.com/>

<http://environment.unr.edu/academy/>

[Every Native Vote Counts Campaign](#) www.nativevote.org

[Native Vote is a non-partisan initiative. All Native Vote activities will be conducted in a nonpartisan manner in compliance with IRS rules and regulations and will not constitute prohibited political activity. We do not endorse any candidate for office or support any partisan statements or endorse..](#)

[CDC: US kids eat too much salt, as much as adults](#)

CHICAGO (AP) - American children eat as much salt as adults - about 1,000 milligrams too much, or the same amount as in just one Big Mac. Extra salt is linked with higher blood pressure, even in kids, but government research says those who are overweight and obese may be most vulnerable to its effects. The new findings from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention were published online Monday in the journal Pediatrics....

[Healthy Communities Regional Food Summit: Good Food For All](#)

What-- food summit to inspire, educate, and encourage people to better our food system for healthier people and stronger economies in the Western Nevada Region. When--October 23, 2012 (Silver Springs Nevada--location to be announced) from 8:30am-4:00pm....

By: [Quest Lakes](#)

" The local and organic food movements are just as much about people as they are about the environment—especially when they can aid in tackling the food crisis in Nevada’s rural counties...Ultimately, the message of the day was simple—Nevada needs more farmers and more individuals who can contribute to the state’s demand for healthy food.“Befriend a farmer,” McGill said. “It’s worth your time.” <http://www.newsreview.com/reno/justice-league/content?oid=7628896>

[Buy Local Marketplace](#) www.youtube.com

[Reno is holding the first Buy Local Marketplace this November 3rd at the National Automobile Museum.. For vendor information and application go the city's we...](#)
